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Response to Amendment

This is in response to the Amendment dated July 23, 2007.

Receipt is acknowledged of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) and a submission, filed on July 23, 2007. The submission, however, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because Applicants cannot file an RCE to obtain continued examination on the basis of claims that are independent and distinct from the claims previously claimed and examined as a matter of right (i.e., Applicants cannot switch inventions) [MPEP 706.07(h)].

Original claims 1-12 were directed to a tin-containing bath, and original claim 13 was directed to a bump-forming method using the tin-containing bath.

For original claims 1-12, a composition was claimed and examined.

For original claim 13, a bump-forming method was claimed and examined.

New claim 14 and currently amended claims 6 and 8-12 are directed to a method for preparing a tin-containing plating bath. This method is neither a tin-containing bath nor a bump-forming method using the tin-containing bath.

The method steps of preparing or making do not, and did not, characterize the tin-containing bath and the bump-forming method.

Since Applicants has received an action on the merits for the originally presented inventions, these inventions have been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits.

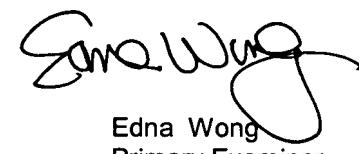
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edna Wong whose telephone number is (571) 272-1349. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nam Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-1342. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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